

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **May 23, 2021** Family Theme | **Share the Good News** Study Text | **Acts 13:1-52**

Objective: Help you children understand that the Holy Spirit led the church at Antioch to send Barnabas and Saul to share the gospel with the Gentiles. Our mission is to share the good news with all people, both across the street and around the world.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set about 14 years after the resurrection of Jesus when the first missionaries were sent to take the gospel to the Gentiles.

Bible Basics: Memorize Mark 16:15 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Acts 13:1-52

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that Jesus wants us to share the good news about Him with everyone we can and to support missionaries who take the gospel to other places.



Key Truth: God Sends His People to Share the Gospel (Acts 13:1-12)

As they worshiped, the church at Antioch sensed the leadership of the Holy Spirit to “set apart” Barnabas and Saul to take the gospel to the Gentiles. The church prayed and sent them out, having been led to do so by the Holy Spirit. They shared the gospel and established churches on the Island of Cyprus, and journeyed on to cities in the southern part of Asia Minor. The mission of the church is to make disciples. This occurs as believers share the gospel in whatever setting and culture into which God has led them. The church must be training, sending, and supporting those who will go.



Key Truth: Scripture Is the Basis of Our Message (Acts 13:13-41)

The journey continued as Paul and the others took the gospel farther away from typical Jewish territory. They visited Paphos, Perga, and then Antioch in Pisidia where they again visited the local synagogue. Paul used a variety of Old Testament passages to show how the entire canon of Scripture points to the Messiah, and how Christ fulfilled those Scriptures, including the Resurrection. The message had been declared, with scriptural support, and the offer of forgiveness had been extended. It was now up to the hearers to make the proper choice.



Key Truth: Some Will Accept the Gospel Message and Others Will Not (Acts 13:42-52)

Many people were intrigued by Paul’s message and asked them to return for the next Sabbath gathering. Almost the whole city gathered at the next meeting to hear more. Many of the Gentiles rejoiced, glorified the Lord, and experienced the promise of eternal life. Many of the Jews, however, responded in anger, incited the leaders of the city and their wives to anger, persecuted Paul and Barnabas, and ultimately ran the two men out of town.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How did the gospel first begin to spread to the Gentile world?
- What were some obstacles to spreading the gospel across the world in Paul's day?
- What are some obstacles to spreading the gospel today?
- What role do the Scriptures play in spreading the gospel?
- What role does the church play in spreading the gospel?
- What kinds of responses can we expect when we share the gospel with others?
- What is our role as individuals in spreading the gospel today?
- **For Elementary:** How did Paul and Barnabus know where God wanted them to go to share the Word of God?
- **For Elementary:** How did the Jewish leaders feel about Paul and Barnabus sharing the Gospel?
- **For Elementary:** What events led to Sergius becoming a believer?

Everyday Extras

Collect some recent invitations — to birthday parties, graduation events, or weddings. Talk to your children about celebrating good news with other people. We don't keep good news a secret! We like to share it! What has happened in your family recently that you'd like to tell other people about? You may want to write a letter, make a phone call, or video chat to share the news, whether someone won a ribbon on Field Day or made a good grade on a test, got a new job or made a new friend! Just like we share other good news with our family and friends, we should be sharing the good news about Jesus!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Jesus told a tax collector named Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew obeyed. He left his bad choices and learned to love, obey, and follow Jesus with a changed heart. **I Can Follow Jesus** like Matthew did.